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SOURCE:

1. In October 1952, the chief of the Swatow naval office, Central and South China Naval District, was YUAN Tung-sheng (5913/2639/3932). YUAN was responsible for procurement of supplies, liaison, training, and operations. The Swatow naval office had under its command a Junior Naval School which formerly was known as the Swatow Merchant Marine School. The school taught marine engineering and navigation. The following vessels were also under the command of the Swatow office:¹
 - CHIEH FANG (6043/2397) number 45
 - CHIEH FANG number 46
 - HUI HSING (1979/2502)
 - CHIN HSING (6855/2502)
 - CH'EN HSING (2525/2502)
2. In late October, YUAN Tung-sheng received orders to form a junk fleet. Over 100 civilian-owned junks were requisitioned by the Swatow naval office and T'ao Hsin-chiang (7094/2450/3984) was appointed commander. In November the organization was completed and groups of wooden sailing vessels frequently patrolled in the coastal waters.
3. In late October, the Ch'aoan (N 23-42, E 116-37)-Swatow Command of the Kwangtung River Defense Command, commanded by WANG Tse-ch'ien (3769/0155/6197)² controlled the following radar stations:
 - a. Yushih (5280/4258) radar station at Swatow.
 - b. Hsiaotao (6007/3421/1497) radar station at Jacp'ing (N 23-58, E 116-48).
 - c. Shench'uan (N 22-59, E 116-18) radar station at Huilai (N 23-03, E 116-18).
4. In early November 1952, CH'EN K'eng (7115/6972) was commander of the 4 Company

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of the Kwantung River Defense Headquarters Mine-Laying Squadron stationed at Mayu (N 23-21, E 116-44).

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] the same source reported that these vessels took part in Chinese Communist naval maneuvers at Swatow between 8 and 13 September 1952. Sightings from merchant seamen visiting Swatow between October and December 1952 show Chinese Communist naval vessels to consist of one former 97-foot Japanese SC, 3 ML's, and a few armed junks. Reports from these seamen generally indicate there is no naval activity beyond the usual patrol crafts at Swatow. [REDACTED]

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] WANG Tao-yao as commander of the Kwangtung River Defense Command in August 1952.

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